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For: METHOD OF PASSIVATING AN OXIDE SURFACE SUBJECTED TO A
CONDUCTIVE MATERIAL ANNEAL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

The present application is a continuation patent application of Serial No. 10/263,921 filed October 3, 2002, which is a divisional patent application of Serial No. 09/631,329, filed August 3, 2000 and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,559,053, which is a divisional patent application of Serial No. 09/146,296, filed September 3, 1998 and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,555,455.

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on the page entitled "Amendments to the Specification."

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on the page entitled "Amendments to the Claims."

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."